

Auburn University

Organization Description

Auburn University is a large, highly ranked institution of higher learning located in Auburn, Alabama. As part of the State's land-grant institution system, Auburn University has a commitment to link the university's system of educational resources in a broad range of disciplines with communities and partners at the national, state, and local levels to promote enhanced quality of life for all Alabamians.

Project Description

The Center for Children, Youth, and Families at Auburn University will launch the Alabama Marriage and Family Project (AMFP) partnership with the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, the College of Business Outreach Center and Leadership Institute, the Economic Development Institute, and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The AMFP will work to assist agencies in building capacity to provide programs and services that strengthen families and communities through healthy marriages, two-parent involvement, and family stability.

Geographic Scope of Project

The State of Alabama.

Partnering Organization

The Alabama Children's Trust Fund

Sub-Awards

Sub-awards in the amount of \$390,000 will be awarded to

approximately 20 faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) located in Alabama. Sub-awards from \$15,000 to \$25,000 may be used to build organizational capacity and sustainable community collaborations that support the work of FBCOs.

Priority Areas

Healthy marriage, responsible fatherhood, and family stability.

Project Objectives

1. To offer effective capacity-building training to a broad range of FBCOs.
2. To creatively use technology to launch a state-wide sustainable infrastructure that connects community agencies and collaboratives and state-level resources to enhance FBCO growth and capacity for offering programs addressing healthy marriages.
3. To support sub-award recipients through technical assistance that builds organizational capacity and sustainable community collaborations to support the work of FBCOs including those working with issues of healthy marriages.
4. To evaluate the implementation process and project effectiveness of the AMFP to provide a model for replication.

Project Strategies

AMFP will offer three forms of capacity-building assistance to FBCOs: (1) broad-range train-

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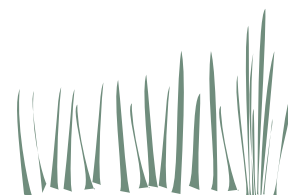
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ings and resources available to all Alabama FBCOs; (2) sub-awards to approximately 20 FBCOs; and (3) direct, intensive, customized capacity-building technical assistance for sub-award agencies.

Project Outcomes

Short-term Outcomes:

- Gains in leadership development knowledge and practices.
- Gains in organizational development knowledge and practices.
- Gains in fund development knowledge, skills, and practices and increase in income/assets.
- Gains in community engagement strategies knowledge and practices; CHMIs established.



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- Gains in knowledge and strategies to integrate and offer services that support healthy marriages, responsible fatherhood, and family stability.

Long-term Outcomes:

- Viable and sustainable FBCOs that serve their communities.
- Strong community collaborations that support social capital, economic growth, and human well-being.
- Healthy relationships, marriages and families: lower youth dating violence and domestic violence; lower divorce rate; fewer non-married births; greater two-parent involvement and support.

Grant Award Amount

\$950,000